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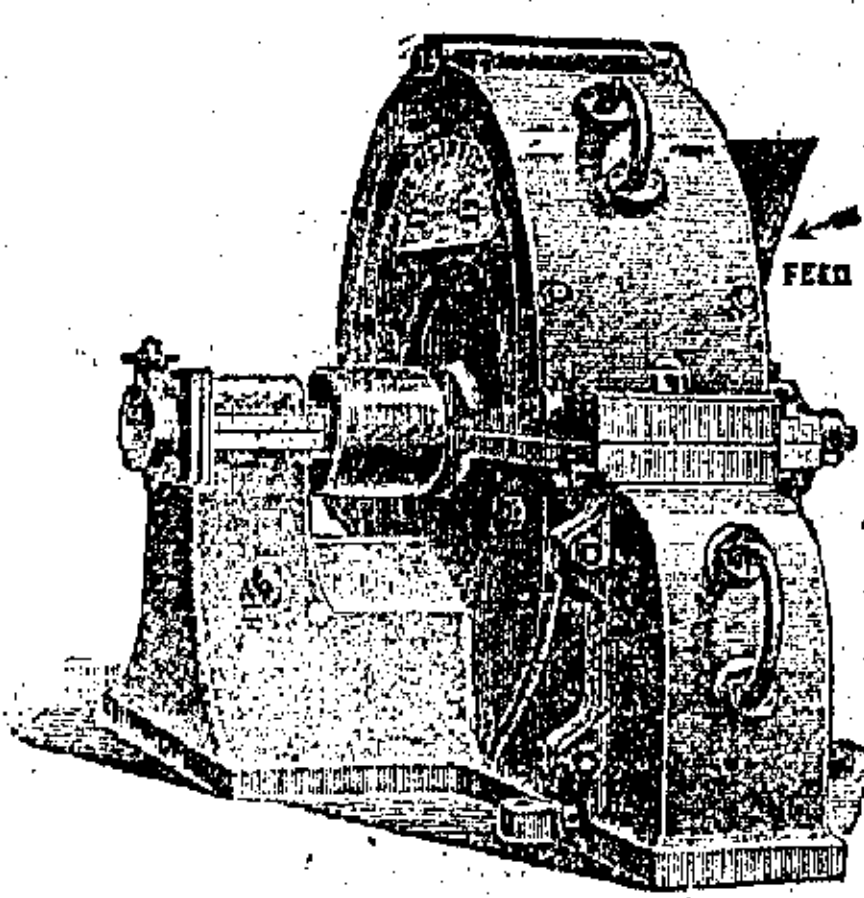
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NOTICE

A SPECIAL MEETING of His Majesty's JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held at the Magistrate's Office, at 2.15 p.m., on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of April, 1900, for the purpose of considering an application from one JOSEPH H. DOWSON, for the Transfer of his Publican's Licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the Premises situated at house No. 1, Jubilee Street, under the sign of 'The Colonial Hotel,' to one MORRIS PATTIN.

H. B. J. GOMPERTZ,
Acting Police Magistrate.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1900. 673

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company can now obtain SCRIP FOR SHARES in the Queen Mines, Limited, upon production of their Scrip to the undersigned, at the rate of One Queen Mines Share for Two Balmorals. (Office No. 2, Albert Road. Office Hours 2 to 3 p.m.)

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Liquidator.

Hongkong, March 17, 1900. 696

P. & O. S. N. CO.

NOTICE.

DURING my Absence from the Colony Mr. A. M. MARSHALL will be in CHARGE of the Company's affairs at this Agency.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 20, 1900. 686

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND INSTALLMENT of \$5 per SHARE in respect of the 50,000 NEW SHARES has been called up, and Holders of such Shares who have not already paid this Installment are requested to pay the amount of such Call to the Undersigned at the Office of the Company No. 9, Praya Central on or before the 30th April, 1900.

Dated 27th March, 1900.

706 SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of the Company, Numbered 28904/28918, in the name of PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, of Hongkong, has been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after one month from the date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as null and void, and all Persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating same.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 29, 1900. 717

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

DURING the Temporary Absence of Sir THOMAS J. JACKSON from Hongkong, Mr. H. M. BEVIS has been appointed Acting Chief Manager.

N. A. STEES,
Chairman.

Hongkong, March 26, 1900. 694

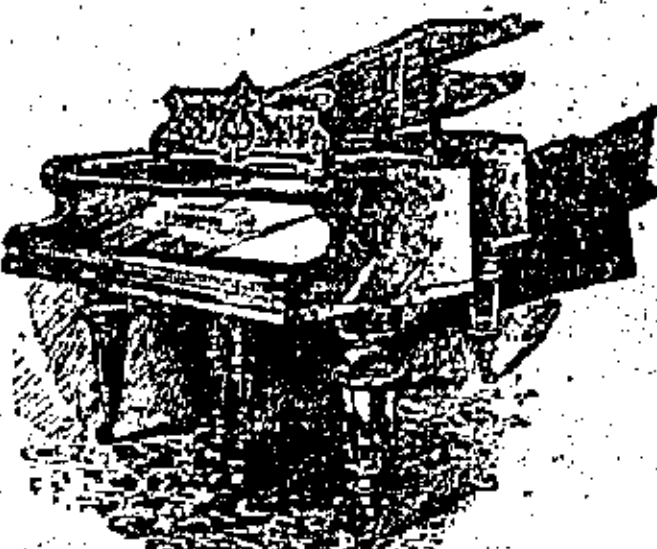
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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 31st March, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1899, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th to the 31st Inst., both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 23, 1900. 667

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Peddar Street, at 12.30 p.m., SATURDAY 31st March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 24th to 31st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 19, 1900. 626

TEDRAU PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CALL of \$1.00 per SHARE, made PAYABLE at the Office on the 20th July, 1899, on Shares Numbered—

10501-10800 12156-12255

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must be paid to the Undersigned at the Office of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 5th day of April, 1900, and Notice is also given that in the event of Non-Payment of such Call at the Office of the Company aforesaid, on or before the said 5th day of April, 1900, the above-named Shares will be liable to be FORFEITED.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 21, 1900. 646

BELLICO TRUST.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

H.E. Major-General W. J. GASCOIGNE, C.M.G., has kindly undertaken to Present the Prizes awarded under the above Trust for progress and proficiency in education during the year 1899.

The function will be at the City Hall, on SATURDAY, March 31st, at Noon.

The Presence of the Public is invited.

By Order of the Trustee,

R. F. COBOLD.

Hongkong, March 24, 1900. 670

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Hongkong, March 18, 1900. 616

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ANNOUNCE

Une commission soussignée, chargée par le gouvernement du Mexique de procéder à l'acquisition d'une drague, au remorqueur et deux chalands pour le port de Mazatlan, rend public que, pour la fourniture de ce matériel, il est ouvert concours pendant 120 jours à partir de la date de cette annonce, et que les conditions pour le concours peuvent être examinées dans la Direction des travaux publics à Mazatlan, et dans les consulats du Portugal à Hongkong, Shanghai et Saigon.

Les propositions, avec les dessins respectifs et les applications d'acier avec les conditions doivent être adressées au 'Projet de la Commission des travaux du port de Mazatlan', par le quel elles seront seulement reçues jusqu'au 22 Juillet de cette année.

Mazatlan, le 24 Mars 1900. — Ingénieur en Chef d'Armes, Naves, Directeur des travaux publics — Antonio Felipe de Góes e Silva, capitaine du port — João Augusto de Fontes Pereira de Mello, capitaine de corvette — Arthur Tompkins Barbosa, inspecteur des finances — José Maria Lopes, mécanicien de marine.

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 14th April, 1900, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd to the 14th April, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 26, 1900. 653

NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICES of this Company have this day been TRANSFERRED from No. 7, Praya Central, to PRINCE'S BUILDING (1st Floor), Chater Road.

JIRO ITAMI,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, March 20, 1900. 623

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Hongkong, March 28, 1900. 711

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A. G. GORDON, *General Manager.*
Hongkong, April 1, 1898.

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	Mr & Mrs L. McLeod	

Station.	Hour.	Baromet.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
W'ootock ..	2 p.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	30.14	—	—	NW	0	—
Koshi	—	30.31	—	—	—	—	—

Nagasaki	30.31	W	6	detained in the blood they induce nutrition
Ngazun	30.31	W	1	and function and finally produce organic dis-
Ngazun	30.31	W	1	ease!— <i>The Humanizer</i> . In case of Scro-
Teichoku	30.11	E	6	ful, Scerry, Ezemza, Bad Lega, Skin and Blood-
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Koshida	30.16	E	6	
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Sharp Pa.	"	30.12	64	70	R	1	0	where, at 2s. 9d. per bottle. Beware of worth-
Amoy	"	30.46	69	79	R	1	0	less imitations and substitutes.
Canton	"	30.07	69	79	SE	1	0	E24
Swatow	"	30.07	69	79	SE	1	0	
Hongkong	p	30.04	65	73	E	4	0	
Vict. Post	"	—	—	—	E	5	—	
Gap Rock	"	30.73	—	—	ENR	5	—	

Haijoo	1 p.	89	66	72	zaw	e		number of years from rheumatism, he said.
Mala	3 p.	29.92	88	66	w	1	e	right shoulder and side. He says: "My
Mala	3 p.	29.92	88	66	ws	1	e	right arm at times was entirely useless.
Baeool					NE	3	b	tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was
Itoio		29.85	89		E	2	b	surprised to receive relief almost immedi-
Cebu		29.89	87		NE	3	b	ately. The Pain Balm has been a constant
S. S. Jams					NW	4	b	companion of mine ever since and it never

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Tsaiwan.....	12	50.11	—	N	2	4	—
Tsichuan.....	12	50.11	—	N	2	4	—
Koshu.....	12	50.12	—	N	2	6	—
Pezadores.....	12	50.15	—	N	2	6	—
Gutzlaff.....	U.S.	30.21	58	94	ssr	3	cond
Sharp Phyl.....	U.S.	30.15	63	89	—	0	of
Amoy.....	12	30.12	62	100	wsr	1	of
Swatow.....	12	—	—	—	—	—	—

Canton	10	30.11	64	90	2	ad
Hongkong	10	30.11	—	—	—	—
Yick. Peak	10	30.08	—	—	—	—
Gasp. Road	10	30.08	—	—	—	—
Macao	10	30.10	89	—	1	o
Hsiping	7	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	10	30.04	84	32	2	b
Malate	9	—	—	—	1	b

Bacodid	75			X	2	a
Hilo	30.01	84			1	b
Cebu	30.02	86		NE	2	b
C.S. James	76.					

F. G. Figg, *First Assistant.*
Hongkong Observatory, March 30, 1900

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Football Club.
The accounts of the Football Shield Semi-finals and Final have been audited and a balance of \$933.31 has been handed over by the Hongkong Football Club to the Shield Fund. Mr H. W. Looker has been appointed Honorary Secretary of the Hongkong Football Club.

Dewey's Dollars.
Admiral Dewey's claim for prize money on account of the destruction of the Spanish Fleet in Manila Bay, came before the United States Court of Claims on 26th February. The Court decided against the Admiral's contention that the enemy's forces were superior to his, and awarded him \$9,570 prize money.

Hongkong Hotel.
The Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play the following programme at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.:
March.....Queen's Guards.....Williams.
Overture.....Le chemin de la
Valse.....Glorio.....Kling.
Selection.....Dorothy.....Sullivan.
Fantasia.....Melodies from Old
Opera.....Kappely.
Polka.....Fun of the Fair.....Agrotte.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The Detention of the English Mail.
Some curiosity was manifested in Hongkong, yesterday, as to the cause of the detention of the R.M.S. *Bengal*, bearing the mails from home. On inquiry at the P. and O. Company's office to-day we learn that there was a suspected case of small-pox on board and the ship was placed in quarantine till the medical inspection was over. The passengers were allowed on shore at one o'clock. This morning the vessel was released from quarantine, the small-pox patient having been taken to hospital.

The Governor's Holiday.
At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, His Excellency the Governor mentioned, incidentally, that he was leaving on the 4th of April, for a three months' holiday. We understand that His Excellency is to visit Shanghai and Peking, before going on to Japan. While in Peking, he will have an opportunity of discussing with Sir Claude Macdonald the South China questions with which he has been acquainting himself since his arrival in the Colony, and we hope the outcome will be beneficial for Hongkong and the trade of South China.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.
The "Baito Cup" will be sailed for on Sunday, 1st April, starting at 1 p.m. Courses: Stonecutters' Island, Markham, off Green Island, Meyer's East Bay, all to Port. Handicap:—

Maia Martin	Scratch allows.
Erin	2 mins.
Irish	2 mins.
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Thistle	15 " "
Gazelle	25 " "

Presentations to Mr L. Gibbs.
At the Offices of the Public Works Department this afternoon a rather interesting function took place. The officials to the number of about forty met in one of the rooms and gave minute demonstrations of their esteem for Mr Laurence Gibbs, one of their number. Mr Gibbs, who for a considerable period has acted as assistant engineer in the P.W.D., is severing his connection with the P.W.D. in order to join the firm of Messrs Denison and Ram, architects, Hongkong. His many friends in the office could not let the occasion slip without showing their regard for Mr Gibbs in tangible form. They accordingly raised a subscription among themselves and purchased a handsome black carved sideboard with ornaments to match. These were handed over to Mr Gibbs this afternoon by Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Director of Public Works, on behalf of the staff. Mr Ormsby in handing over the gift referred in eulogistic terms to the many high qualities of the recipient. Mr Gibbs feelingly responded.

Fire Insurance Losses.
This year fire insurance business has not been very lucrative for offices in the Far East, and the losses in Shanghai have been very considerable. From Shanghai papers we observe that on March 24, a most disastrous fire broke out in a native building in Canton Road occupied by Professor Nataly's panoramic exhibition. The flames spread to a Chinese theatre where a performance was in progress. A panic occurred and some half-dozen men were more or less injured by jumping from the windows into the street. In all ten houses and shops in addition to the theatre were totally destroyed and five others badly damaged by fire and water. The theatre building was insured in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company for \$10,000. Professor Nataly's stock was covered by policy for \$15,000 in the China Fire Insurance Company. The Royal, Imperial and South British Companies have lines on the other properties affected. The fire originated through the burning of a tin paraffin oil lamp in Professor Nataly's show. The total amount of the damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

CANTON NOTES.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.
Canton, March 28.
The Bi-monthly meeting of the Canton Missionary Conference was held to-day (March 28th). The Rev. O. F. Wiener read an essay on "The Present Prospects of Education in China." The essay was a severe but none the less just indictment of Chinese education, which instead of developing has dwarfed the mind and moral sensibilities of the Chinese. The essayist pleaded for a liberal interpretation of the word education, based on Christian principles. He quoted with much force the criticisms of a Chinese on "The Break up of China." Said this ecclesiastical Lord Boreford has told us a great deal about armies and navies, mining, railways, &c. but he has said nothing of the present educational system, which is at the root of the national life. Unless you can change that, no other kind of improvements, however good and great in themselves, can avail. The essayist very logically contended that as Chinese education has been the basis of all progress mental, moral, and material, so we must look to modern education as the antidote of these evils.

THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.
This new departure in the interests of higher education promises to supply a long-felt want. The College is well endowed, and given time, will render excellent service. The permanent location of the College is not fixed, but the probability is that it will be in Canton which is the natural centre of any great educational work, if for no other reason that the men whom it is likely to benefit are on the spot. The Vice-Chancellor and indeed all the great educational establishments representing the Two Kwang are in Canton. To remove the College to any considerable distance from these seats of learning would seriously limit its influence. The staff at present consists of the following gentlemen:—

The Rev. O. F. Wiener, Principal; Dr Woods, Medical Department; Mr Lewis, Civil Engineering; Mr Alexander, Electrical Engineering.

Arms and Arms Dealers.
In the course of the discussion on the Arms Ordinance at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, Mr Whitehead urged for the insertion of a proviso compelling the Captain Superintendent of Police to give reasons for refusing to grant licences to carry or possess arms or ammunition. It was pointed out, however, that the Governor, on a refusal being brought to his notice, would call for reasons through the Colonial Secretary, so the point was not pressed.

Departure of Hon. A. G. Wise.
At the Supreme Court, to-day, Mr J. F. Rees, Solicitor, on behalf of himself and his colleagues at the bar, wished the Puisne Judge (Hon. A. G. Wise) a pleasant trip home and trusted to see him back in Hongkong on a future date. His Honour replied that he had no doubt his successor (Mr Sereno Smith) who had held the position of Puisne Judge on two previous occasions, would carry on the duties as successfully as he had done in the past. He thanked Mr Rees and the other solicitors for their good wishes. Mr Wise goes home on leave to-morrow by the English Mail. Mr Justice Wise, who goes home on leave to-morrow, will be missed in the public life of the Colony in other ways than on the Bench. He is an all-round man, and has been President of the Cricket Club for years, with the result of the greatest good to the greatest number in that and many other sorts of sport. Mr Wise is a power in the Colony inasmuch as his strong pervading common sense, joined to his "scold" legal mind and his keen insight, has constituted him one of the staunchest checks to unnecessary legislation or encroachment on his Court. As a powerful aid to the Supreme Court deliberations, in its higher jurisdiction, none will be more ready to admit its existence than the worthy Chief Justice (Sir John Canning); but the community fairly and fully recognise it. In a social sense, Mr Wise will be greatly missed, and his numerous friends wish him a pleasant journey home and a speedy return to the Colony which holds him in such high regard both officially and personally.

Chain Lightning.
For a long time past (says the N.O. Daily News) the Police have been trying to get on the track of the compounder of a vile stuff known as "Thirty cent whisky," one of the most abominable concoctions, probably sold in the East. Time after time have merchant sailors been raided well-nigh mad by the stuff and on board ships it is always procurable from "unscrupulous bumpkin men." One needs only to see the faces of men after a carousal on this cheap whisky, or "chain lightning," as it is not inaptly termed, to learn the ravages it makes on mind and body alike. Merchant Jack, like most sailors, looks forward to a "good time" in port after a long voyage, and when an obliging Celestial offers him a bottle with gold and green label, bearing three stars and Royal Arms and the legend "Fine Scotch Whisky," all for 30 cents, he succumbs, drinks the horrible mixture, and becomes mad drunk or has to lay up. The police have at last got on what appears to be a good scent and on Saturday Inspector Ramsey and Sergeant Gillman paid a surprise visit to a Chinese establishment where they seized some four wheelbarrow loads of bottles of liquor purporting to be standard brands of wine and spirits. The labels are in some cases false copies of originals and in others the wording is original, for instance, "Finest Old Scotch Whisky, Dublin" and "Hennessey's Old Three Star Brandy."

TELEGRAMS.
REUTER'S SERVICE.
LONDON, 28th March.
CASUALTIES DURING THE WAR.
An official statement of casualties up to 24th inst., including sick, gives a total of over 10,000.

THE WAR.
Lord Roberts is going to Capetown to meet Lady Roberts. A forward move is not probable for a month.
General Clements has occupied Faure-smith and Jagersfontein. Sir A. Milner is at Bloemfontein.

THE COLONIES AND THE WAR.
The Australian Premiers have jointly cabled to Mr Chamberlain that it is undesirable to conclude peace except on terms of absolute British supremacy in South Africa.

REPORTED DEATH OF COMMANDANT JOUBERT.
Reuter's correspondent at Lourenco Marques wires that Commandant Joubert is dead.

THE WAR—COL. PILCHER'S RECONNAISSANCE.
Col. Pilcher's reconnaissance captured the Landroet of Ladybrand before retiring. A strong force of Boers, presumed to be Commandant Olivier's command, subsequently occupied strong positions in the neighbourhood. It is believed their retreat towards Kromstad is intercepted, and that a battle is impending.

DEATH OF COMMANDANT JOUBERT.
Commandant Joubert died of stomach complaint.

THE TRANSVAAL COMMANDERS.
Commandant Smuts now commands the Transvaal fighting line.
Commandant Dehrey is ill.

OPERATIONS IN THE FREE STATE.
Ladybrand was occupied by Commandant Crowther, not by Commandant Olivier. It is believed that the latter is beyond pursuit.

THE CHINA SQUADRON.
H.M.S. *Terrill* has sailed from the Cape for China.

THE RUSSIAN-CHINA SQUADRON.
An official announcement at St. Petersburg says that the Russian Squadron on the Chinese Coast has proceeded to Port Arthur.

NEWS FROM MAFKING.
Reuter's correspondent at Mafeking, 16th inst., says that the investment was still relaxed. The enemy is concentrating to the northward to oppose Colonel Plumer. There was sufficient food in Mafeking, but munitions were short. A London telegram dated March 12 states that it was reported from Cape Town that General Joubert had resigned the chief command of the Boer Army, and has been succeeded by General Buller. No reason was assigned for the step, but it was believed that the Boers had quite lost confidence in the old leader's ability to successfully oppose the progress of Lord Roberts. Another version was that General Joubert had resigned because he was quarrelled as to the proper conduct of the campaign.—Ed. C.M.

CORRESPONDENCE.
THE NAVY LEAGUE.
To the Editor of the "China Mail."
13 Victoria Street, London, S.W.,
27th February, 1900.

Sir,—The Navy League desire to call attention to a fact that in the three years 1897, 1898 and 1899, the Admiralty has not spent the money voted by Parliament for shipbuilding.
The under expenditure in 1897 was £2,129,000, in 1898 £804,000, and in 1899, £1,400,000—a total of £4,343,000. Thus no scheme can be planned on the figures contained in the shipbuilding programme.
Further, in spite of the fact that this £1,400,000 was voted but not expended in 1899, the shipbuilding vote for 1900 shows a decrease.
By Mr Goschen's own statement, the original vote for new construction in 1899 was the minimum compatible with safety. As £1,400,000 less than the sum voted was expended, it is clear that our safety is compromised.
Mr Goschen alleges as the cause of this under expenditure "Abnormal activity in Shipbuilding." Delays in delivery of material. "Difficulties in securing adequate numbers of workmen," "Labour Difficulties" and other circumstances.
Many ships, it is true, are under construction, but the Navy League would point out that this apparent activity is in part due to the fact that several vessels have been unaccountably delayed. The *Albion*, *Gloria* and *Spartan*, for instance, which should have been delivered in 1899, are still unready for sea.
In conclusion, the Navy League are compelled to state their conviction that on reviewing the whole situation the naval proposals of the Government are inadequate to secure the safety of the Empire.—I am, &c.

H. SEYMOUR TROWER,
Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Navy League.

The old treatment of plain Cod Liver Oil or its Emulsion, and attended with many dangers owing to the inferior quality of the oil.

THE SALARIES QUESTION.
APPOINTMENT OF AN UNOFFICIAL COMMITTEE.
A DEPT. WITH OCCASIONAL GIBBER.
Yesterday, a meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the meeting of the Legislative Council at which H. E. Sir Henry Blake intimated that the consideration of the salaries of subordinate government officials would be investigated and considered and reported upon by Messrs R. M. Gray, D. Gillies, and R. Shewan.

Mr F. H. May, Acting Colonial Secretary, presided.
The first business before the meeting was the minute from the Governor recommending the vote of \$26,139 to defray during the current year the increases in salaries of Government officials sanctioned in the Secretary of State's Despatch No. 230 of 8th December, 1899.

Mr Whitehead—I would like you to read the telegram forwarded to the Secretary of State in connection with this vote.
The Chairman—What telegram do you mean?

Mr Whitehead—The one in which the Senior Unofficial Member, on behalf of his colleagues, asked the Secretary of State to reconsider the question of the salaries of the subordinate officials.
The Chairman (reading)—At the request of the Unofficial Members of Council votes of salaries postponed it was unanimously agreed to request a Committee to investigate all other applications for increases and to report thereon for your consideration.

Mr Whitehead—And the Secretary of State replied?

The Chairman—I don't think I am at liberty to give the Secretary of State's reply.

Mr Whitehead—Has the Secretary of State complied with our request?

The Chairman—The result of the communication to the Secretary of State is that the Committee is authorised to be appointed to investigate the salaries of subordinate officials.

Mr Whitehead—May I ask what "subordinate officials" means?

The Chairman—Subordinate officers I take to mean officers, in the first place, who have not been dealt with in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 230. All those officers are distinguished from the others, their cases having been dealt with, and they having got their increases.

Mr Whitehead—And some have not.

The Chairman—All the officers mentioned in that despatch have got their increases.

Mr Whitehead—But the officers who signed the memorial to the Secretary of State are excluded from having their applications further considered?

The Chairman—Why?

Mr Whitehead—One or two Departmental officers among them, if the Committee appointed by His Excellency is only to be allowed to consider the applications of subordinate officers, the applications of others will naturally be excluded.

The Chairman—From the consideration of the Committee?

Mr Thomson—Yes.

Mr Thomson—All the heads of departments have been dealt with.

Mr Whitehead—I wish to get at the point. We have asked for a Committee to investigate all other applications. Do the cases in addition to those applications which have been granted. Will the Committee have power to investigate and report upon all applications, because, if not, it may mean to vote otherwise than I might otherwise do.

The Chairman—I don't think you quite appreciate what you have got. You think you have got less than you asked for. As a matter of fact, you asked for a Committee to investigate all other applications. If you had got that, it would have confined you to new cases; there are a number of officers who have not made applications. If you had got what you wanted, it would have confined you to the consideration of about twenty-five cases.

Mr Whitehead—But the cases already excluded by the Secretary of State—are they to be excluded from the enquiry?

The Chairman—If they are subordinate officers they will come under your consideration.

Mr Whitehead—They are officers other than the heads of departments.

The Chairman—And assistant heads of departments, who could not be called heads of departments.

Mr Whitehead—And have assistant heads been dealt with by the Secretary of State?

The Chairman—Yes.

Mr Whitehead—And their cases cannot be re-opened?

The Chairman—The scope of the Committee is limited to subordinate officers, and from its purview are excluded the cases already dealt with by the Secretary of State.

Mr Whitehead—That takes the whole of the Chinese Civil Service, because I am going to ask you to vote a sum of \$13,000 to-day for the Chinese employees of the Government, below a certain salary, and I am going to ask you to defray the salaries of the Government officials. When the matter was last before the Council, the Unofficial Members, through the Senior Unofficial Member, requested him to indicate to the Secretary of State the view that he should appoint a Committee to look into the question of the salaries of those officials not considered before, and the Secretary of State, on the assumption that this referred to the salaries only of subordinate officers, had agreed to the appointment of such a Committee.

Mr Whitehead—He has nominated it to look into the question. They would see from the minutes coming before them that certain heads of departments and certain Chinese had been considered and increased approved, and he had now requested the Chairman of the Committee of Commerce (Mr R. M. Gray), Mr Gillies, and Mr Shewan to form the Committee. These gentlemen were large employers of labour, and no doubt their appointment would give satisfaction to the members of the Council.

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State in giving an increase to the heads of departments ten times more applicable, in many instances, as regards the subordinate officers. The cost of living pinches them, and the increase in house rents tells more heavily upon them than upon the heads of departments.

The Chairman—The Secretary of State has evidently directed your intentions, for he specifically mentions subordinate officers. Are members of the Committee in favour of this vote?

Agreed unanimously.

SALARIES OF CHINESE.
The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$13,000 to cover the cost of increases on salaries for Chinese employees of the Government, sanctioned by telegram from the Secretary of State of the 24th February, 1900.

(Evidence.)—This increase is to come into force simultaneously with the increase to the heads of departments.

The Chairman—As from the 1st of January.

Dr Ho Kai—Have any of the Chinese clerks or Government employees received over \$50 per month applied for increases of salary?

Mr Chai—They will go before the Committee, I presume.

The Chairman—Some of the Chinese with salaries over \$50 were dealt with by the Secretary of State, but seeing that he practically—It is not intended that the salaries of the Chinese shall come before the Committee.

Mr Chai—But I think the Secretary of State has excluded the recommendations of the Committee.

Dr Ho Kai—Up to \$80 only.

The Chairman—The Committee did not make any strong recommendation for these over \$80.

Mr Chai—There has been a Committee considering and advising the Government on the subject of Chinese salaries. This is the first intimation we believe, the public have had of the Committee.—Ed. C.M.

Mr Whitehead—Why should they not be considered by the Committee?

The Chairman—We do not want to go over ground already covered.

Mr Whitehead—The permanent clerks of the Colonial Office do not act fairly.

The Chairman—The Committee who have set upon this question are not permanent clerks of the Colonial Office, and they have just adopted the recommendations of the local committee.

Vote passed unanimously.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
The Legislative Council met yesterday afternoon, H. E. Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., presided. There were present—H. E. Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G.; Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Acting Colonial Secretary; Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General; Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Director of Public Works; Hon. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. A. W. Brown, Inspector of Schools; Hon. C. G. Nicolle, Public Auditor; Hon. C. P. Charter, C.M.G.; Dr Ho Kai, T. H. Whitehead, and Hon. Wei Yuk, and Mr R. F. Johnston, Acting Clerk of Council.

A QUESTION.
In the absence of Mr Whitehead, Mr Chai asked the following question on his behalf:—Will the Honourable the Registrar General inform the Council whether it is a fact that the occupants of disorderly houses which had been moved out of houses in the Central districts and gone into houses in the West have been again being moved, and if so whether the movements have been or are being effected by virtue of orders issued by the Acting Registrar General.

Mr Chai—The houses to the east of Whitey Street are being moved, and the movements are being effected by virtue of orders issued by the Acting Registrar General.

THE ARMS ORDNANCE.
The Council then went into Committee on the Ordinance to regulate the sale and possession of arms and ammunition, and passed numerous amendments thereon. Council then resumed.

The third reading of the Bill was left over.

IN MARKET PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS.
Mr Whitehead—I have a petition to present to the Council; I would ask that the petition be read.

His Excellency—You may present the petition, but it is out of order to read it to the Council.

Mr Whitehead—It has 152 signatures, and has my hearty support.

Mr Whitehead gave notice of the following motion:—That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the continuous rise in the market price of most necessities of life, such as meat, fish, and garden produce, and to report.

SALARIES OF SUBORDINATE OFFICIALS.
His Excellency, in adjourning the Council, said the Finance Committee would have before it the minute to vote \$26,139 to defray the salaries of the Government officials. When the matter was last before the Council, the Unofficial Members, through the Senior Unofficial Member, requested him to indicate to the Secretary of State the view that he should appoint a Committee to look into the question of the salaries of those officials not considered before, and the Secretary of State, on the assumption that this referred to the salaries only of subordinate officers, had agreed to the appointment of such a Committee.

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THE ARMS TRADE OF HONGKONG.
CAN SACAO TAKE AWAY OUR LEGITIMATE TRADE?
At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, a considerable amount of time was occupied in the discussion of amendments to the new Arms Ordinance. We have no space to publish the portions of the discussion that have no interest to the public beyond the dealers in arms and ammunition (Hansard, of course, will fill in the hiatus), but as it has been stated over and over again that the stringent regulation of the arms trade in Hongkong will have the effect of driving trade from this Colony to Macao, we give below the discussion on the licence fees. Gamewits and retail dealers who sell firearms and ammunition for sporting purposes only will pay \$10 per annum. All other importers of, dealers in, or vendors of arms and ammunition shall pay \$1,200 per annum. When Clause 11 of the Bill was under consideration, Dr Ho Kai said—I do not think it needs this large fee to keep bad characters out of the trade, especially as the Captain Superintendent of Police has power to withhold licences, with appeal to the Governor in Council. The profits of the dealers in arms and ammunition will go down under the new Ordinance. They have extra duties to perform and will require employees to satisfy the new Ordinance, and I think they ought to be let off with a lighter fee to make up for the loss of time in fulfilling the requirements of the Ordinance. If an increase of fees is considered necessary, I think an increase of ten or twelve times the amount of the present fee would meet the case. I think the importers of arms should be taxed more heavily than the dealers. They are doing a larger business than the native dealers, and they might be able to raise the larger fees. To demand \$1200 from a Chinese dealer is prohibitive, and I would propose that the fees proposed in the Ordinance be reduced to \$250 for importers and \$100 for dealers.

Mr Whitehead—I think there is a good deal in what the Hon. Member has just said. So long as the fees are fixed to return to the Government the expenditure on arms and ammunition that would be sufficient. The fee proposed is practically prohibitive. It is questionable

